

New York



The potential to grow and make innovative products in rural America is limitless. Since 2009, the Obama Administration has made targeted investments to help rural businesses grow. Through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's projects in affordable housing, energy efficiency, roads and bridges, and internet access, coupled with loans and grants for rural businesses, the Administration has helped to attract and retain a talented rural labor force, improve connectivity and access to information, move products to market, and make rural communities competitive—**ultimately supporting strong local economies and expanded opportunity for rural New Yorkers.**

MADE IN RURAL NEW YORK

Using USDA funds, Essex Pallet & Pellet in Keeseville, New York, began manufacturing fuel pellets that provide energy for customers in the surrounding area while reducing dependency on fuel oil for heating. The pellets are a sustainable source of biofuel produced from recycled raw wood and used pallets that have been diverted from area landfills.



GROWING EXPORTS

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products alone contributed **\$1.3 billion** to **New York's** economy.

The President's Made In Rural America initiative helps rural businesses capitalize on demand for American-made products and identify ways they can participate in global markets.



HOUSING

Access to safe, affordable housing is critical to maintaining the rural labor force. USDA has helped **13,848 New York families** purchase or repair homes.



CONNECTIVITY

USDA has invested **\$55.4 million** to support new and improved broadband service for rural **New Yorkers.**

Broadband service helps to expand access to state-of-the-art health care, educational, and cultural resources and helps rural businesses compete in the global economy.



WATER

USDA has invested **\$348.9 million** to support efficient water supply, treatment and storage facilities, and wastewater treatment systems. That investment has **improved the health of thousands of rural New Yorkers** who now have access to clean water and reliable sanitation.



SUPPORT FOR RURAL BUSINESSES

USDA has made investments to help **461 rural businesses in New York thrive and grow.**

USDA investments in everything from advanced biofuels manufacturing facilities to food hubs help businesses, many of them small, capitalize on emerging markets for rural-made products. **In rural America, small businesses support one in three jobs.**



RENEWING RURAL MANUFACTURING

The rural economy includes more than products that come from farms.

Rural manufacturing supports 64,913 jobs in New York. USDA has invested **\$61.7 million** to help rural manufacturers in **New York** increase production and capacity.